OTONARI COMPLEX
Chapter 10: Tailing
NONOMURA SAKU
SCANLATION BY AMPLIFIED
AIJIISHIBASHI

Hmm
FINALLY FINISHED!
コーン
TIME'S UP! PENS DOWN~
I'LL BE COLLECTING THE ANSWER SHEETS, SO LEAVE THEM FACE DOWN ON YOUR DESK.
SCHOOL'S OUT STARTING TOMORROW !!
カーコーン
10 TAILING

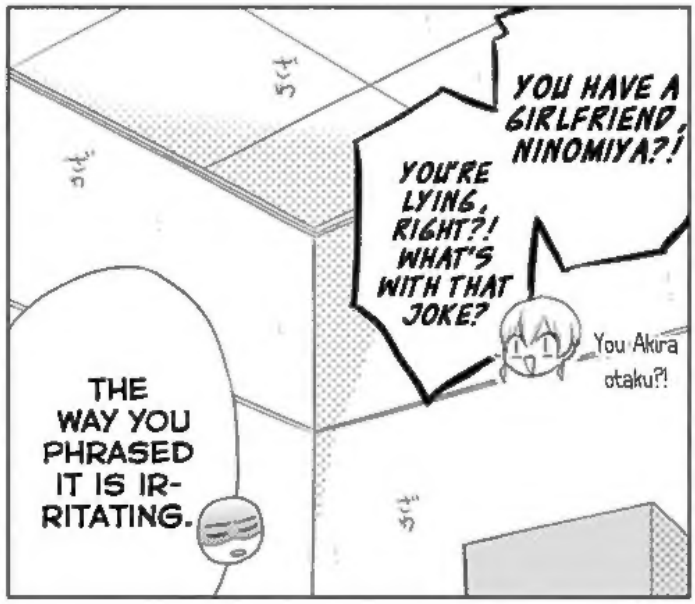
THE ITEMS I SHOTGUNNED ARE ALL WRONG...
Aha ha
CONDO-LENCES

NINOMIYA, ARE YOU STILL BREA-THING?
HE'S DEAD.
.....

I THOUGHT YOU WERE THE TYPE WHO KNOWS HOW TO SWIM WITH THE TIDE.
SHUT UP!
I WAS PRE-OCCUPIED WITH OTHER STUFF, I COULDN'T STUDY...
EHHH...
HAAAA
DON'T LOOK AT SOMEONE'S FACE THEN GIVE A LONG-DRAWN SIGH.
WHOSE FAULT DO YOU THINK THIS IS...?
WHAT WILL YOU DO AFTER, AKIRA? WANNA GO OUT FOR TEA?
OH. DO YOU HAVE OTHER PLANS?
SORRY, I'LL PASS TODAY.
This anger I can't vent out anywhere...

YOU'RE STILL SAYING THAT?
YUP.
I'M GOING OUT FOR TEA WITH MAKOTO'S GIRLFRIEND.
Gonna text her.

14:35
NISHIKUBO RUMI
READ 14:30
WE'RE DONE-! WHERE DO WE MEET UP?
WE'RE DONE, TOO!
AT THE PARK ENTR
...SO THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED.


YOU HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, NINOMIYA?!
YOU'RE LYING, RIGHT?! WHAT'S WITH THAT JOKE?
You Akira otaku?!
THE WAY YOU PHRASED IT IS IR-RITATING.

THIS IS IN ITSELF IN-TERESTING.
Ninomiya, you poor soul.
I TOLD YOU IT ISN'T TRUE.
Cut it out. I'm gonna cry.
Apparently, they're going on a date this Christmas.
HE KEPT IT A SECRET FROM ME ALL THIS TIME. ISN'T HE HORRIBLE?

I TOLD YOU I DON'T KNOW THAT GIRL.
YEAH, RIGHT~
I saw your photo.
HEY...
FUMI-CHAN!!
YOU'RE MEETING UP WITH HER, RIGHT?
THAT'S PERFECT, THEN.
SORRY, DID I MAKE YOU WAIT?
NO, IT'S OKAY.
HOW DID YOUR TESTS GO?

そっ…
FUMI-CHAN, ARE YOUR TESTS OVER?
WE'RE HAVING OUR TESTS IN JANUARY~
WELL... SO-SO.
Ahaha
DO YOU THINK YOU'LL PASS OR FAIL?
HEY...
I REALLY DON'T RECOGNIZE HER, EVEN IF I SEE HER RIGHT NOW.
WHY DOES SHE HAVE A PHOTO OF YOU, THEN?
I'M THE ONE WHO WANTS TO KNOW THAT THE MOST.
Freaky
I THOUGHT IT'S VERY LIKELY THAT YOU JUST DON'T REMEMBER HER MUCH, BUT YOU ACTUALLY KNOW HER...
TO BE HONEST, IT'S HARD TO FORGET A CUTE GIRL LIKE HER.
The type who emerges as the only victor at a group date.

IT'S NOT SO BAD, RIGHT? SHE'S CUTE.
Haha
JUST GO OUT WITH HER.
YOU'RE THINKING THIS IS FUNNY, AREN'T YOU?

AKIRA DOESN'T SEEM TO DOUBT HER ONE BIT, THOUGH.
Eep!
Looks like she's having fun.
I'm bad with horror.
Eh, but it's fun~
SHE'S NEVER HAD THAT KIND OF INTUITION.

...JOKES ASIDE, THIS IS ALL TOO EERIE.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S AFTER.

BESIDES, WE'RE TOGETHER 24/7.
HEY...
HOW CAN I FIND TIME TO GET A GIRLFRIEND?
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO ASK YOU.
Oh, damn. They entered a shop.

BE HONEST, NINOMIYA.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF AKIRA?

EXACTLY.
WHAT, YOU ASK... SHE'S MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
WHAT'S WITH THAT ALL OF A SUDDEN?
.....
YOUR SENSE OF DISTANCE IS TOO STRANGE FOR TWO PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
IF YOU CONTINUE TO STICK CLOSELY TOGETHER, YOU ASIDE, AKIRA WON'T EVER GET A BOYFRIEND.

IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
WE'VE GOT OUR OWN RELATION-SHIP.
Akira-chan, what's wrong?
Let's go to the park~
MORE IMPORTANTLY, LOOK.
Hmm

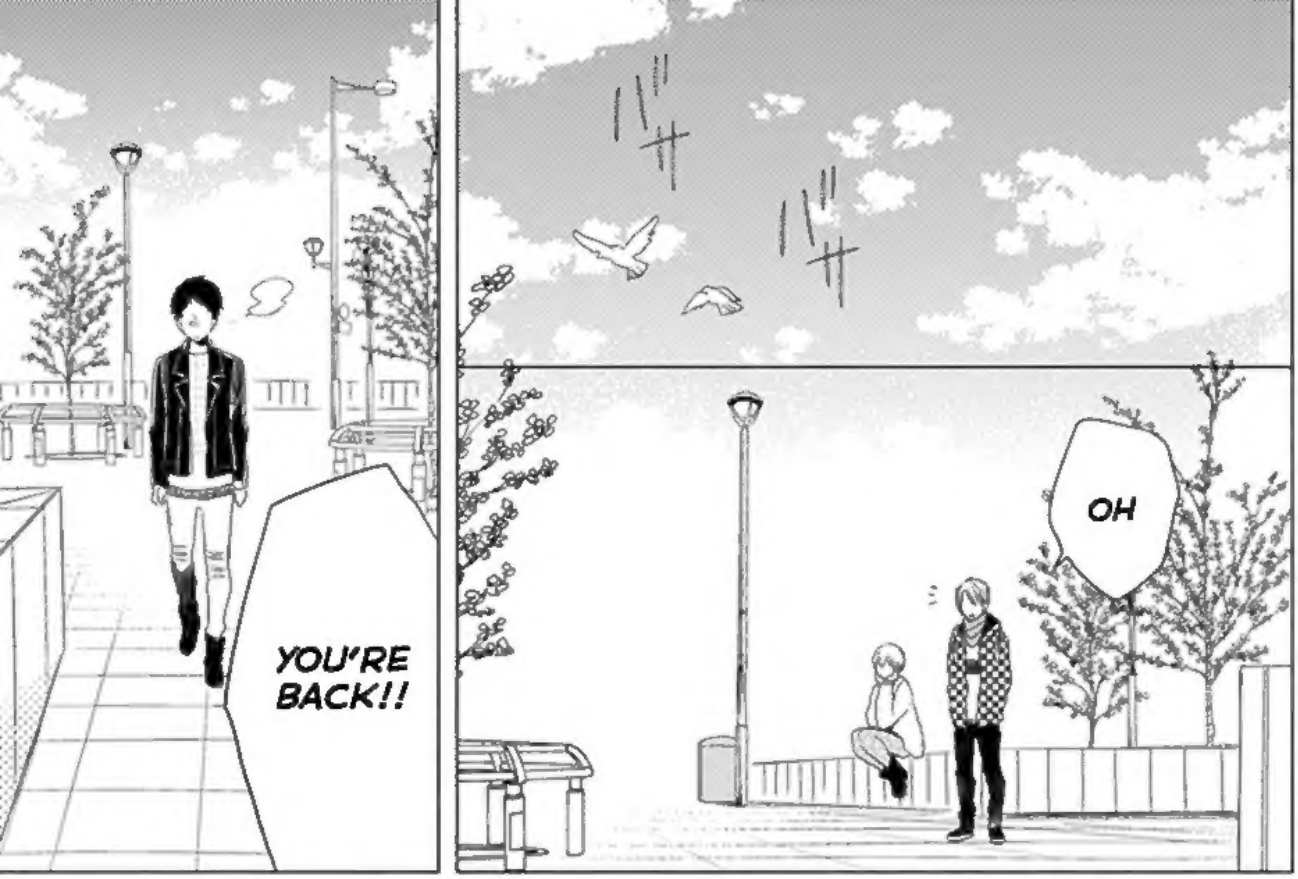
AKIRA-CHAN?
そわ
そわ
SHE'S ALMOST AT HER LIMIT.
SHE'S THE TYPE WHO CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING 'TIL THE END.
So Funny.

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE FIDGETING.
Do you need to go to the Ladies' room?
OH NO, IT'S NOTHING.
SO, UM, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT CHRISTMAS?
OH, RIGHT. I'VE GOT A DATE ON THE 24TH,
THE 25TH IS A SUNDAY. AKIRA-CHAN, IF YOU DON'T HAVE PLANS THAT DAY, DO YOU WANT TO GO OUT FOR TEA?
THERE'S THIS CAFE THAT SERVES A SPECIAL MENU FOR GIRLS ON CHRISTMAS...
ABOUT THAT DATE,
CAN I ASK YOU WHO YOUR DATE IS?

UM...
!
SORRY...
WE'RE CHILDHOOD FRIENDS.
AKIRA-CHAN ...?!
EH...
WHEN I TALKED ABOUT YOU,
HE WENT TO CHECK IF HE REALLY KNOWS YOU...
カラン
FUMI-CHAN?!
FUMI-CHAN, WAIT!!

AKIRA
STAY HERE, MAKOTO!!
YOU DUMMY!!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO SHOW UP!!
It's because
you looked like you're at your limit.
FUMI-CHAN!!
WAIT!!
HEY!!
LET GO...!!
ぱしっ

WHAT'S WRONG WITH LYING?!
SO YOU'RE REALLY LYING?
EXPO...
YOU'RE TERRIBLE, AKIRA-CHAN... IT WAS LIKE YOU EXPOSED ME!
I'VE ALWAYS LIKED NINOMIYA-KUN...!!
SINCE MIDDLE SCHOOL,


YOU'RE BACK!!
OH

YOU WERE CLASSMATES IN MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND SHE HAS ALWAYS BEEN ONE-SIDEDLY IN LOVE WITH YOU.
...FUMI-CHAN SAID
IN THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT, SHE LIED ABOUT YOU BEING HER BOYFRIEND.
BUT I WAS PRAISING HER TOO MUCH THAT IT MADE IT HARD FOR HER TO TELL ME SHE DOESN'T HAVE A BOY-FRIEND.

SHE'S NISHIKUBO FUMI-CHAN. DOES IT RING A BELL?
BUT I DON'T THINK THERE WAS A GIRL LIKE HER IN OUR YEAR.
I can't remember her.
SO WHY DOES SHE HAVE NINOMIYA'S PHOTO?
?
SHE HAD A MUTUAL FRIEND OF THEIRS WHO ALSO ATTENDS OUR UNIVERSITY SEND HER THAT PHOTO.
.....
AH...
YOU DID STUDENT LIBRARIAN WORK TOGETHER ONCE.
YOUR SEATS WERE NEAR BECAUSE OF THE ROSTER ORDER.
YOU WERE 8TH AND 9TH GRADE CLASSMATES.
Ninomiya-kun, we're on duty today.
I'm sure it was something like this.
BUT HER IMPRESSION WAS TOTALLY DIFFERENT...
YOU REMEMBER HER NOW?
AH, I THINK THERE WAS SOMEONE LIKE THAT.
Ah!

...I THINK THAT'S HER.
SHE SAID, "I PUT A LOT OF EFFORT SO ONE DAY
I'LL HAVE THE CONFIDENCE TO STAND BESIDE HIM AND SUIT SOMEONE LIKE HIM."
I UNDERSTAND HER FEELING OF WANTING TO HAVE CONFIDENCE.
SO REMEMBER HER PROPERLY.
AKIRA...
YOU...

.....
だら
だら
WEREN'T ASKED TO HELP AGAIN, WERE YOU?
S-SHE SAID, "CAN WE MEET JUST EVEN ONCE...?"
YOU DID IT AGAIN ?!!